

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION)	MDL 2804
)	Case No. 1:17-md-2804-DAP
This document relates to:)	Judge Dan Aaron Polster
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<i>County of Webb v. Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al.</i>)	
Case No. 1:18-op-45175-DAP (N.D. Ohio))	
)	
<i>Employer-Teamsters Local Nos. 175 & 505</i>)	
<i>Health & Welfare Fund, et al. v. Purdue</i>)	
<i>Pharma L.P., et al.</i>)	
Case No. 1:18-op-45446-DAP (N.D. Ohio))	

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT ON MOTION FOR
LEAVE TO FILE JOINT MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

Plaintiffs Webb County, Texas, Employer-Teamsters Local Nos. 175 & 505 Health & Welfare Fund, and Employer-Teamsters Local Nos. 175 & 505 Retiree Fund (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), through their counsel, respectively request that the Court consider holding oral argument on their Motion for Leave to File Joint Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief (ECF No. 978). Given the seriousness of the issues presented and that the relief requested is tailored to help abate perhaps the most severe public health crisis this country has ever faced, oral argument would provide the parties an opportunity to respond to any questions from the Court and to help in the Court’s decision-making process.

Plaintiffs are aware of the Court’s advisory that oral argument on motions does not regularly occur. *See Judge Polster’s Civil and Criminal Practices and Procedures*, <http://www.ohnd.uscourts.gov/judge-polsters-civil-and-criminal-practices-and-procedures>. Here, however, oral argument may benefit the Court and its consideration of the parties’ positions.

Plaintiffs observe that courts in this District have heard oral argument on motions for injunctive relief when the questions presented involve matters of public importance, such as here. *See, e.g.*, *Babler v. Futhay*, 669 F. Supp. 2d 873 (N.D. Ohio 2009); *News Herald, Div. Gannett Satellite v. Ruyle*, 949 F. Supp. 519 (N.D. Ohio 1996).

For the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court consider oral argument on their Motion for Leave to File Joint Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 19, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the attorneys of record at their e-mail addresses on file with the Court.

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